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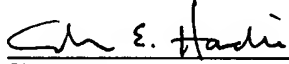
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 18, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month and set to expire on February 20, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.